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**TO:** Ms. Diane Williams  
Committee on Government Operations  
House of Representatives  
~~2157 Rayburn House Office Building~~

Dear Ms. Williams:

Enclosed per your request is a  
copy of the "Freedom of Information  
Act Annual Report to the Congress for  
the Year 1977."

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The Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Submitted herewith, pursuant to the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552(d), is the report of the Central Intelligence Agency concerning its administration of the Freedom of Information Act during calendar year 1977.

During 1977, 4,843 requests for access to records were logged and put into processing by the Agency, of which 1,252 were submitted under the Freedom of Information Act. An additional 1,190 request letters were received during the year but not formally processed pending receipt of additional information from the requesters. These were, without exception, requests for access to personal records, which, under the Agency's regulations, are usually processed under the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) rather than the Freedom of Information Act. A summary of Agency activity including Privacy Act and Executive Order 11652 mandatory classification review requests as well as Freedom of Information requests, is provided in the statistical table below. You will note that the processing backlog increased by 1,138 cases during 1977.

	<u>FOIA</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>EO</u>
1. Requests carried over from CY 1976	536	598	98
2. Requests logged during CY 1977	1,252	3,023	568
3. Total requests closed during CY 1977	772	2,397	536